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In Full Blast at the Continental on Today.

All Close Buyers Invited.

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Special sale of men's all wool cheviot and cassimere suits on Saturday at

$5, $6 and $7.

Don't miss this sale. 500 men's all wool Cheviot and Cassimere suits will be placed on sale Saturday morning at $5, $6 and $7 per suit. These are the best values we have offered this season. The lot includes sacks and frocks in Cheviots, Cassimeres and worsteds. The cheapest suits in this lot retail for $10 everywhere, and some of the best styles as high as $15. Samples are shown in our windows.

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Thin coats and vests at January prices on Saturday.

All our mohairs, alpacas, flannels and serges at cut prices on Saturday to close.

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Prices unheard of to close the season

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A big cut in the prices of all our high cost suits has been made for this sale. Come early on Saturday.

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Boys' Long Pants Suits,
Ages 13 to 18.

Boys' Three Piece Suits,
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At prices never heard of in Omaha to Close the Season.

Our boys' department will be the busiest part of our store on Saturday. Prices on Boys' Long Pants Suits have been almost cut in two, beginning as low as $6.50 for all wool cheviots. $10 and $12 will buy the best in our stock. In three piece suits, 12 to 16, we will sell several styles of fine goods at $6.75.

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Remember we undersell all others in Boys' Headwear. Saturday will be our clearing up day on boys' straw goods, at 25c, 35c and 50c.

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The last is the best. Closing sale of

BOYS' 2-PIECE SUITS.

Ages 6 to 14. On Saturday

$1, $1.50 & $2

Thousands of boys have been fitted at the Continental this season and on Saturday we expect to fit a few hundred more. We offer you the goods for less than they cost to make. Our leaders tomorrow will be 300 suits of Boys' Knee Pants Suits, ages 6 to 14, at $1, $1.50 and $2, and have cut the prices on fine suits so that for $3.50 and $4 you can have your choice of some of the best in our stock.

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NEBRASKA ALL RIGHT

Wet Spring Notwithstanding, '92's Harvest Will Be a Good One.

EIGHTY-SEVEN COUNTIES HEARD FROM

The Mercantile Agency's Review of Conditions at End of June.

INCREASE OF ACREAGE IS GENERAL

Merchant and Farmer Alike Look to a Year of Prosperity.

BANKING BUSINESS ALONE IS SLOW

Plethora of Deposits—Farmers Don't Need to Borrow and Merchants' Slates Are Clean—Let the Farmer Hearken, Acknowledge, and Applaud.

Readers of THE BEE are herewith presented with a full, careful and candid review of the present condition and future prospects of this year's crops and the general condition of trade in eighty-seven counties of the state as they stood on June 30. The report is the work of the R. G. Dun & Co. mercantile agency, and is here printed through the courtesy of the Omaha representative of the firm, Mr. W. A. Roberson. Thurston, Dixon, Dakota and Cedar counties in the northeast of the state report to the Sioux City office of the agency, and these four counties are not included in this review. McPherson is sparsely settled and inaccessible and is therefore, perforce, omitted. All the other counties of the state are heard from.

While the reports below tell their own tale, it may be permissible to point out that in view of the discouraging conditions prevailing in May it is quite remarkable that the statements from nearly all parts of the state should indicate so fair a prospect for both corn and small grain.

There is no politics in the mercantile agency business, its tendency being generally, if anything, to underestimate rather than overestimate favorable conditions.

The acreage in western counties is largely increased.

The fruit crop may be reckoned a failure nearly everywhere.

Corn planting was much delayed by the wet weather, but what is in has a good stand and a full average crop may still be looked for.

Sugar beets, flax, sorghum, broom corn, garden seeds and millet are the only crops outside of staples mentioned in the reports and these appear to be grown profitably, and the acreage is rapidly being increased, except in the case of flax.

Corn continues to be king in all the older counties, though winter wheat is coming into favor along the southern tier. In western Nebraska, in spite of short seasons, elevation and want of rain, the corn acreage shows an almost phenomenal increase.

Collections appear to be good in most sections of the state and trade, except in very few counties, is all that could be expected. The farmers have more money in bank and are in easier circumstances financially than for years.

Mortgage indebtedness has been largely reduced in many localities and new lands purchased from speculators in others. Although all the local banks are in funds the demands for loans are very light and interest is generally below the rate fixed by law

Adams.

The principal crop of Adams county, last year, was corn. About the same acreage of that cereal is in cultivation this year, and is in excellent condition and growing rapidly. Winter wheat is gaining in favor in Adams and the present crop is above the average. Spring wheat is not more than a fair crop. In the acreage of oats and barley there is but little change and both will fall short of the average. Potatoes are fine, and several large fields are being grown. Clover and timothy are grown extensively and are in splendid condition. Last year the farmers reduced their indebtedness $95,030. This represents debts actually paid (mortgages) and less than 6 per cent of this amount was released by foreclosure. The fruit crop will fa l short as compared with last year. Collections are somewhat improved, but merchants have not yet experienced any marked improvement in trade. Future prospects of all are improved since a year ago. A great deal of prairie was broken up last year and sowed to wheat, oats and barley. The season is a little late, but there is no prospect of a failure and there seems to be no scarcity of money.

Antelope.

Principal crop last year was corn, and the acreage is at least one-fifth more this year than last. The yield last year was large in all kinds of grain and the prospects, at present, are good, in fact better than a year ago. Do not think crops more diversified than last year, although all kinds of grain are raised. Crops are well advanced considering the late season and prospects are good. Collections are reported as fair and trade with merchants good. In fact, everything looks promising.

Banner.

Wheat was the principal crop last year and the acreage this year is about three times as large, with an increase of 20 per cent in acreage of oats. Rye and barley about the same, with less flax and corn. Prospects excellent for all kinds of small grain. Corn very late and it is impossible as yet to determine accurately about it. Business better than a year ago both as to collections and trade. There is considerable building going on this year, while there was none last.

Blaine.

There is an increase of about 50 per cent in the acreage of corn and wheat this year. Corn is late, but wheat is looking fine, with prospects for a large crop. Present condition of trade and collections are good, showing considerable improvement over a year ago.

Boone.

At the present time crops are looking fine and promising. Small grain of all kinds is doing nicely. Corn is rather backward, but the opinion is expressed that the crop will be good notwitstanding the late season. The acreage this year is larger than ever before, more land having been broken this season than for the past three years. Merchants express themselves well satisfied with trade, but are still looking forward to improvement. Collections are good and more farmers have money deposited in banks this season than in any since 1882. The market in cattle and hogs is moving some, several large shipments having been made recently, and the produce market is also beginning to liven up. Pasturage is good and the general outlook is for the better.

Box Butte.

Wheat was the principal crop last year, although a great deal of corn and oats was raised. The acreage this year is more than double and the prospects are excellent for a large wheat crop. Corn is a little backward. Oats in good condition. Future prospects regarded bright, everybody confident and some very enthusiastic.

Boyd.

This is a new county and was sparsely settled last year, so that it would hardly be possible to make comparisons. There are about 1,400 quarter sections occupied now and forty acres to one-fourth section is a conservative estimate of acreage in cultivation. This will be nearly equally divided between corn and small grain. There is considerable flax, wheat and oats, and prospects were never better. Trade is 33 per cent better than last year, but collections are only fair at present. The future looks promising for both farmer and merchant.

Brown.

The principal crop last year was wheat though considerable rye, oats and corn were grown. This year there is a large area of newly broken ground on which flax is the principal crop. Less corn and more oats than a year ago. There was no failure in any crop last year and at present prospects are good, although all crops are rather backward owing to the cold, late spring. Collections and trade are fairly good and merchants and farmers are very hopeful.

Buffalo.

The principal crops are wheat and corn. Owing to the wet and cold spring corn has been rather backward but the present warm weather is bringing it along finely. The growing fields of cereals are all looking good and with present promises fulfilled there will be a bounteous yield which will enable both farmers and merchants to square up their accounts and lift the mortgages from their homes, which owing to the crop failures for the past two years they were forced to place there. There have been quite large corn shipments of late and good prices realized. There is a decidedly better feeling among the merchants who are anticipating a good and profitable fall trade. The late showers have done much good, cattle are fattening and, in fact, everything bespeaks better times all around. The acreage this year is larger than heretofore to a considerable extent. There appears to be plenty of money with light demand. Collections and trade are fairly good.

Burt.

The principal crop last year was corn. The acreage this year is one-fourth less than last owing to the lateness of the season. Other crops are a little more diversified but everything is growing rapidly and prospects are fair for a good crop. There has never been a bad failure of crops in this county. Collections are close and trade is lighter than it has been for some time. However, prospects are favorable and the impression prevails that merchants will do a good trade this year.

Butler.

Corn was the principal crop last year and the acreage this year is about the same. Owing to continued wet weather in early part of season the crop is rather backward, but it is growing well at present and the outlook is favorable for an average crop. There is more small grain this year than last and the prospect is fair, notwithstanding the rains beat the ground and the subsequent warm weather baked it so that the crop does not look as well as usual. The prospects are that if present warm weather continues corn will have its usual growth by the first of July. Money is plenty in banks and individual depositors have nearly doubled in number within the last year. Merchants are doing a fair business, but collections are slow. However, merchants and farmers are hopeful and anticipate good times this year.

Cass.

The principal crop last year was corn and the acreage and distribution this year are about the same. Corn though small is in excellent condition and a splendid crop is expected. Small grain is looking medium. Trade is good, about the average, and farmers are cheerful. Collections slow, old claims being gathered up somewhat, especially those against farmers. Only one recent failure, and that a small one, caused by competition and injudicious buying combined with small capital. Prospects are good and on the whole trade and farmers seem to be slightly better than the average.

Chase.

The principal crops last year were wheat and corn. The acreage of wheat this year is about twice as large as last, with a decrease of probably 50 per cent in the corn crop. Crops are less diversified, farmers confining themselves to small grain and paying but little attention to any other crop. The crops are now looking well, but it is not believed the yield will be as large as formerly. It is estimated that there are about 75,000 acres of small grain out. Collections are good, better than last year. Trade is improved and future prospects for merchant and farmer are bright. Everything is in a healthy condition.

Cherry.

Wheat was the principal crop last year, corn second and oats third. The average yield for wheat in the entire county was twenty bushels per acre. Corn and oats averaged about thirty. This year there is a larger acreage than last and prospects are excellent. The increase in acreage is estimated at 75 per cent and the acreage in corn is decreased about the same per cent. The corn crop is small but of healthy color. Wheat and oat crops are exceptionally good and are assured now. Vegetables of all kinds are in good condition. Trade is gradually improving. Collections are good and can be made readily from merchants, and after the harvest no trouble will be experienced with the farmers.

Cheyenne.

The principal crop last year was wheat, rye, oats and corn following. There is a very large increase in acreage this year, and crops are all looking well. Corn is very backward. Collections are easier, and there seems to be plenty of money where there is security to put up for it. Farmers are looking forward to good crops, and land is advancing in price.

Clay.

The principal crop last year was corn. The acreage this year is not so great as last, being estimated at 90 per cent. This difference was caused principally by the late spring and the poor condition of the ground for planting. On account of this much ground that was to have been planted in corn was seeded to millet and sorghum. There is 50 per cent more winter wheat growing this year than ever before. This looks well and the prospects are for an enormous crop. All kinds of small grain are in excellent condition and prospects are good for a large crop. Corn, although small, is in good condition and the warm weather is producing rapid growth. Much of the corn that was planted early had to be planted over on account of cold wet weather. The fruit crop will not be so large by 50 per cent as that of last year. Potatoes have made a good growth and give promise of a large yield. Collections and trade are good. Prospects were never better for farmers and merchants. A large number of farmers held their last year's crop of corn until recently and disposed of it upon the advance in prices. Sorghum, which has heretofore been grown in the nature of an experiment, has been largely planted this year as a crop and is in good condition. Grass is in excellent condition and stock is doing well. Farmers who have heretofore grown cattle for feeding are now turning their attention to cattle for milk and are well pleased with the results.

Colfax.

The principal crop last year was corn. Acreage this year is about the same as last, from 80,000 to 90,000 acres. Considerable prairie has been broken and while the farmers were late in getting crops planted they have grown well the last month and appearances indicate an A No. 1 yield. Wheat, about 16,000 acres, same as last year, and prospects good. Very little flax was sown. Potatoes, about 5,000 acres, prospects good. There is an increased acreage of rye over last year, say about 7,000 acres, prospects excellent. The hay business in this county is a large item every year. Collections are slow. The present condition of trade and the future prospects of merchants and farmers were never better.

Cuming.

The principal crops last year were wheat, oats and corn, corn comprising about three-fourths of the acreage. There is a slight increase this year, and in some portions of the county more small grain has been sown. All crops are in good condition and as far advanced as they were last year at this time, with the exception of corn, which is rather late to make a full crop, but it never did fail in this county and farmers are still hopeful. Trade has been slow and collections only fair. Money rather scarce. One reason is that during the last year the farmers have bought up nearly all lands held by nonresidents and used up all the money they could raise for that purpose. The prospects for future trade and collections are good.

Custer.

Wheat was the principal crop last year, the average yield per acre being 25 to 30 bushels. The acreage of wheat this year is 25 per cent greater than last, with good prospects for a large yield at this time. Corn is looking fine, the only drawback being that seeding and planting were late, on account of the continuously wet and cold spring. The crop is making wonderful growth and with continued favorable weather will be an average height on July 1. Collections are fairly good; trade is fair, and the farmers and merchants are in good condition. Merchants report business increasing.

Dawes.

Wheat and oats were the principal crops last year. There was some flax, a little barley, rye and corn. This year the acreage in wheat has been considerably increased. However, the yield is not likely to exceed the 1891 crop, as a great deal has not been put in in the best order, the season being late and farmers in a hurry. The county is receiving copious rains. Corn looks rather poor this season, owing to the cold, backward spring. The prospects for an abundant crop are regarded as flattering. Trade is fair. Collections average as to ease and merchants and farmers are hopeful and in good spirits over present prospects, which are the best for three years.

Dawson.

Principal crop is wheat. The condition of this section of the country was never better and the prospects for an excellent crop of all kinds are very flattering. The general acreage is increased probably 10 per cent over 1891. All kinds of small grain are well advanced and looking fine. Corn is nearly a month behind but is doing nicely, and with favorable weather will make an excellent crop. The yield last year was abundant. Collections are generally easy. Money is plenty. Trade is generally quiet, but prospects are very good.

Deuel.

Wheat, oats, rye and barley are the crops in this county, with wheat the principal one. There is an increase of about 500 per cent this year in acreage and prospects are good. Collections are reasonably good—the best, indeed, for five years. Future prospects for merchants and farmers are certainly flattering.

Dodge.

Corn, wheat and oats are the principal crops, corn leading in acreage, which will probably fall a little short this year owing to wet weather. However, the crop so far looks exceedingly well, better than last year at this time, and growing rapidly. Wheat and oats were poorly put in, but look fairly well; will probably make a fair crop. Farmers have nearly finished marketing last year's crop of corn and money is plenty. Trade good for the season. Collections fairly good and improving. The stand and prospects are very good.

Douglas.

Crops in this county are greatly diversified. Corn and hay, with some oats, are the principal ones. The acreage of all is diminished from last year on account of the backward spring. Corn and oats are about 30 per cent less, with poorer crop prospects than any year for at least two. Hogs and dairy products form a considerable industry. The dairy business is increasing. Are shipping from the creamery here about fifty cans of milk and cream each day, an increase of about ten cans over last year. This is a monthly cash income to the farmers. The potato crop is fair as to acreage and prospects. The late cold winds and storms destroyed the fruit, except in a few well protected localities. Everything is late, but if the frosts come late all will compare favorably with last year, as everything at present is growing very rapidly. Collections are fair. Present trade is dull. Crops are becoming more diversified each year, and now several hundred acres are planted to melons, squashes, etc., for the seed, also a few acres to sugar beets.

Dundy.

The crops of 1891 were corn and wheat, with a small amount of barley and oats. The acreage of all is increased 25 per cent this year. Condition of all crops is good.

Fillmore.

The principal crops last year were corn and wheat, and the acreage is comparatively more this year than last. Wheat looks as if it would be a fair, but not a full, crop. From present appearances it will not make over fifteen bushels to the acre. Corn is growing nicely. The general outlook is favorable. Collections are fair to good.

Franklin.

Corn is the principal crop in Franklin. Acreage more this than last year. Crops were rather late, yet doing nicely now. No failure imminent. Collections are fair, considering everything. Merchants are doing fairly well. Prospects at present are good all around.

Frontier.

Frontier's principal crops last year were wheat and corn. The acreage this year has been increased about 10 per cent. Corn is a little late, but is looking good generally, and growing very fast. Prospects at the present time are very flattering. The volume of trade has increased 30 per cent over last year, although somewhat light at present. Collections are easy.

Furnas.

The principal crop last year was corn, and about one-third more this year than last is in corn and more than twice as much wheat, mostly fall wheat. Fall wheat has been raised only a few years, but it is fast coming into favor. It is in fine shape now. Corn is good but late. Collections are fairly good.

Gage.

Principal crop last year was corn and the acreage this year is about the same as last. Crops are not more diversified than usual. Small grain looks well. Corn is a good stand but very small as yet; it is at least four weeks late, and an early frost would seriously affect a crop. It seems hardly probable that there will be more than 75 per cent of a crop. Collections are fairly prompt, not quite as good as usual. Trade is fair, but not as good as at this time last year. The future of merchants and farmers is good. Have had no total failure of crops here. Farmers are thrifty and hard working, not making large stakes, but almost all of them accumulating each year. Merchants are conservative, doing a good deal of credit business at certain times of the year, but bad debts are few. Trade is quiet.

Garfield.

The principal crops last year were corn, wheat and oats. The acreage is larger this year than last. All crops are doing well, although rain is needed. Considerable grain has been marketed within the past two weeks and prices are very good, corn selling on the market at 34 cents. Collections are slow at this time of year, although money can be had at reasonable rates. The prospects both for farmers and merchants look bright.

Gosper.

Principal crops are corn, oats, wheat and broom corn. Acreage of corn somewhat less, wheat is one-third more and broom corn 50 per cent less. Prospects for a full crop are conditioned upon rain. Collections have been good. Some old ones are left over. Future prospects are good.

Grant.

This and the adjoining counties are, strictly speaking, adapted to cattle raising only, there being not one person who farms as a business. All settlers have cattle and horses and make stock raising their business. Small quantities of grain are raised, but none for the market. Owing to the severe snow storms this spring many cattle perished, but they are now doing nicely, and in July and August, when shipments are made, money will be more plentiful. Trade is very dull and no improvement is expected until fall. Now times are snug, money scarce and collections slow.

Greeley.

The principal crops last year were corn, wheat and oats. All were good. The acreage this year is greater than last, and diversified about the same. The prospects are fair, but more rain is needed. Collections are fair and prospects good for the fall trade.

Hall.

Corn, oats and wheat are the principal crops. The acreage of corn is about the same as last year. The same with oats, and there is an increase of 5 per cent in wheat. Cold weather has materially retarded crops, but prospects generally for small grain are good. Owing to excessive rains some corn on low lands will be late, but it is generally very little later than last year, and is coming on finely. Collections are very good. Most of the grain that was held back is now being marketed. Trade is steady. Prospects are brighter. Merchants are hopeful. Farmers look at good crops at better prices. Two thousand seven hundred acres of sugar beets look fine, much better than for the two previous years. At banks a decided increase is reported in deposits.

Hamilton

The principal crops last year were corn and oats, but corn seems to be the leading crop. The acreage of oats is larger this year than last, while the acreage of corn is less, on account of the late spring. There is more winter wheat this year and slightly more oats, but less flax. Flax has been a large crop here, but is decreasing, while winter wheat is coming into favor. The prospects for crops are good at the present time. Winter wheat, without exception is looking well, and spring wheat and oats are a good average. Flax promises well at this time. Corn planting was from a week to ten days later than usual, but the cereal is now up and with a good stand and the ground is generally in good condition. At present the weather is favorable and corn is making a very rapid growth. Prospects are good for crops of all kinds and trade is fair and collections better than the average. Oats, flax and wheat never looked better.

Harlan.

The principal crops last year were wheat, corn, rye and oats. The acreage this year is 25 per cent larger than last. The prospects are most flattering for the largest yield of small grain ever known, both in average and acreage.

Hitchcock.

The principal crops last year were wheat, corn and oats, the largest acreage being in wheat. Wheat averaged last year about 25 bushels per acre, corn 35 and oats 60 bushels per acre. The acreage this year is at least 50 per cent larger. Crops consist of wheat, corn, oats, flax, barley, potatoes, corn and broom corn. Crops all look well here, especially small grain. The average of oats, barley and broom corn is double that of last year and the prospects are good. There having been plenty of rain, small grain is in good condition. It is thought the average per acre will not be as good as last year, but with the increase in acreage everything indicates that this county will have a large increase in bushels of small grain over last year. The prospects for farmers and merchants are good. Land is increasing in value and some is being sold at good prices. Collections are only fair on account of last year's crop being about all marketed.

Holt.

The principal crops last year were corn, oats, wheat, rye, potatoes, millet, flax and buckwheat, and there is thought to be fully one-third more acreage in crops this season. There is a larger acreage of wheat this year. Corn was the principal crop last year, and there is planted three acres to one of it this year. The corn this year is about twenty days late; the other crops are in a good condition. Notwithstanding the late wet spring, the crop is certainly more promising than last year. Collections show a marked improvement over last year, as the farmers are in easier circumstances generally. The present condition of trade is good, there being a careful, conservative plan of doing business, and the prospects of merchants and farmers are much better than last year. Rye is about the same acreage as last year and has matured, if hail does not destroy. Oats, about 25 per cent more acreage than last year. Corn is about 25 per cent to 40 per cent greater in acreage than last year, and, though somewhat backward, is in good condition, except on low land, where excessive rains have drowned it out.

Hooker.

The principal crops last year were corn and wheat. It is thought there is more corn planted this year, and about double the acreage of wheat. Crops are looking well, and if frosts do not come too early, everything points to a good corn crop. Trade is very quiet. Collections are slow. Prospects for the future are fair.

Howard.

The condition of all kinds of crops in this county is excellent. The principal crops raised are corn and wheat and acreage is about equally divided. The acreage of corn is somewhat less than last year on account of the late spring, but the plant is all up and doing well. Small grain is in fine condition and there is every promise of a large crop. Water did but little damage in this county. Rain is needed but crops are not suffering from the want of it. Collections are very easy and farmers have plenty of money. But little credit is being asked. Merchants have a good trade and good prospects. Good prices are had for all kinds of grain. The past year, together with the very large crop, have overcome the depression of a year ago. Prospects are good and

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